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**SHES NEXT! THE IMPORTANCE OF ANIMAL
CRUELTY CASES & THEIR LINK TO FAMILY
VIOLENCE**

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The Importance of Animal Cruelty & Their Link to Family Violence




- "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Mahatma Gandhi
- "Think occasionally of the suffering of which you spare yourself the sight." Albert Schweitzer
- "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Edmund Burke

Outdated Excuses for Behavior

- DUI – "It's only a joyride."
- Domestic Violence – "It's only a family matter."
- Animal Cruelty – "It's only an animal, boys will be boys."

Animals can be abused and neglect in many different ways.


- The motivation or reason for the crime may be different for each suspect.
- How was the animal killed or injured?
- How did the animal suffer will be important to your investigation.



What is "The LINK?"

Is there a link between:
violence to animals and violence to people?

Do researchers see a link?




The diagram consists of four overlapping circles. The top circle is labeled 'Domestic Violence'. The bottom circle is labeled 'Animal Abuse'. The left circle is labeled 'Child Abuse'. The right circle is labeled 'Elder Abuse'. The circles overlap in various combinations, illustrating the interconnectedness of these forms of abuse.

The LINK: It's all in the Family!

Families = adults, children and pets.

- 70% + of U.S. Households with children have pets. (American Veterinary Medical Association, 2007)
- Pets are in 63% of U.S. households (The American Pet Products Association Survey, published in Pet Age, 2008)
- Having a pet is associated with more chances for social interaction (Wood, Giles-Corti, & Buhsara, 2005)



The LINK: Studies do show a relationship.

- 1 Do abusers threaten pets?
(Aascone, Weber & Wood, 1997)
- 2 Does animal abuse & family violence occur in the same home? (DeVney, Dickert & Lockwood, 1983)
- 3 Do the abused become abusers?
(Aascone, 2005)



The LINK: Experts see co-occurrence.

- Co-occurrence: occur together.
- Correlation: occur together in a way not expected on the basis of chance.
- Co-occur is not the same as prediction.
(Patterson-Kane, Pope, 2008)
- Research shows correlation, but does not yet show causation.
- Caution in our assumptions, not in our protection of victims and research and treatment for perpetrators.



The LINK: Recent study sees "red flag".

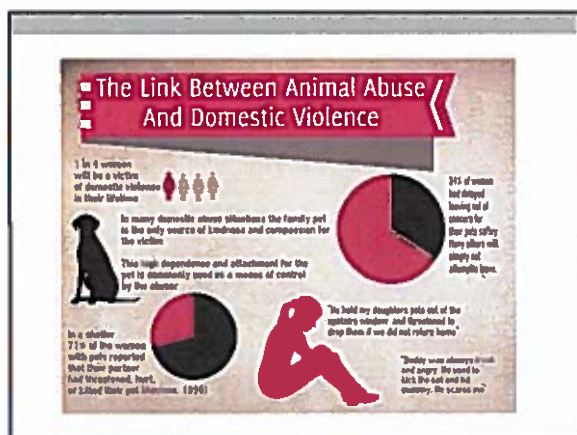
2009 study: survey of 860 college students
(Is Animal Cruelty a "red flag" for Family Violence? Journal of Interpersonal Violence, DeGue & Dillman, June 2009)

- 60% of those who witnessed or perpetrated animal abuse also experienced family violence.
- 30% of family violence victims experienced animal cruelty.



The LINK: Animal Cruelty Statistics

- 71% of abused women report that their batterers have threatened to hurt/kill their pets and have done so
- 32% of battered women with children report that their children have hurt or killed pets.
- 25%-48% of battered women delay leaving an abusive situation for fear of what will happen to her pet if left behind



The LINK: Animal Cruelty Statistics

- 40% of battered women report that they have been forced to participate in sexual acts with animals as part of their domestic terrorization
- 48% of rapists have committed acts of animal cruelty as children or adolescents
- 30% of child molesters have committed acts of animal cruelty as children or adolescents

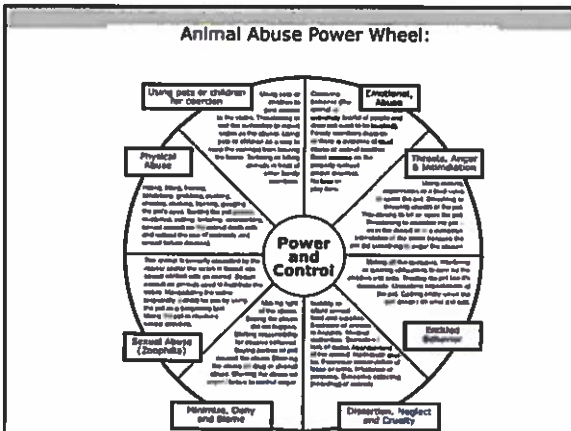
The LINK: Animal Cruelty Statistics

- 15% of all rapists also rape animals
- 80% of homes in which animal control agencies found abused/neglected pets there had been previous investigations by child welfare agencies of physical abuse and neglect.



FBI and UCR

- Uniform Crime Report
- Previously grouped in "All other offenses"
- FBI now mandating that animal cruelty be reported
- Now Group A offense: category that includes crimes of serious nature including arson, burglary, kidnapping and homicide
- Data collection will begin 2016 and will be available the following year



Why Do Batterers Abuse Animals?

- To exercise power and control
- To perpetuate the context of terror
- To further isolate their victims
- To force family to keep violence a secret
- To retaliate for Acts of independence
- To prevent victim from leaving or punish her for leaving

Why Do Batterers Abuse Animals?

- Because animal abuse may be minimized, carry few penalties or be socially sanctioned
- To express human aggression through an animal
- Displacement of hostility from a person to an animal
- To enhance aggressiveness
- To shock people for amusement
- To retaliate against an animal
- To control an animal

Forms in the context of Family Violence

- Batterer kills a pet to punish the family
- Batterer threatens to kill a pet to secure silence for sexual abuse
- Children kill pets to rehearse their own suicide
- Children kill before a dominant adult can do so
- Individuals tortures an animal as gang initiation rites or to gain status from peers

Forms in the context of Family Violence

- Batterers force partners to engage in sex with family pet
- Children create a fiercely loyal bond with an animal and escape to an imaginary world where the abuser cannot hurt them
- Adult victims of domestic violence prolong leaving an abusive relationship due to the fear of harm to the family pet

Prosecution of Animal Cruelty English Law

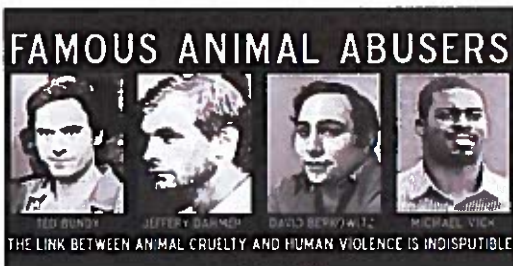
- Jeremy Bentham, barrister, one of first to address animals in the legal system.
- Footnote to "Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation" (1781)
- **Argued that the capacity for suffering is what gives a being the right to legal consideration.**
- **"The question is not, Can they *reason*? Nor, Can they *talk*? But Can they *suffer*?"**

Prosecution of Animal Cruelty Predictor

• "It has long been accepted among professionals who must assess dangerous populations that the best predictor of future behavior is past behavior and a past history of violence is the single most important predictor of future violence... Violence against animals is violence and when it is present it is ... synonymous with a history of violence."

• *FBI Supervisory Special Agent Alan C. Brantley at a Congressional Briefing, May 13, 1998*

Prosecution of Animal Cruelty Serial Killers and Abuse of Animals



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Dr. H. Holmes, aka Herman Mudgett, considered to be America's first serial killer. He was responsible for killing as many as 50 women in the 1890's

As a child he reportedly attacked animals in the woods and dissected them while they were still alive. He was executed in 1896

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- On January 29, 1979, Brenda Spencer opened fire with a rifle on a school in San Diego, injuring eight children and killing the school principal and custodian. Her explanation was: "I don't like Mondays... this cheers up my day."
- As a younger child she reportedly enjoyed setting fire to the tails of dogs and cats

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Theodore Robert "Ted" Bundy, was one of the most notorious murderers in US history. A serial killer, rapist, and necrophiliac, Bundy murdered scores of young women across the United States between 1974 and 1978. After more than a decade of vigorous denials, Bundy eventually confessed to over 30 murders. Bundy claimed that his grandfather, with whom Bundy spent time as a child, tormented animals. Evidence linked Bundy to graves "filled with animal bones."

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Dahmer, an American serial killer, murdered and raped 163 men and boys between 1978 and 1991. His murders were particularly gruesome, involving acts of necrophilia, dismemberment and cannibalism.

As a teenager he kept dogs and cats impaled on sticks and stakes to trees. He preserved animal skeletons in a backyard shed.

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Born Richard David Falco, the "Son of Sam", confessed to killing thirteen people and wounding several others in New York City in the late 1970s. Berkowitz shot the neighbor's Labrador Retriever "Harvey" in 1976. He claimed Harvey was a "demon dog", and that it barked out orders, telling him to murder young women (later found untrue).



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- April 1999/Littleton, Colo. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold shot to death 12 fellow students and a teacher and injured more than 20 others. Both teens had reportedly boasted about mutilating animals.
- May 1998/Springfield, Ore. Kip Kinkel, 15, killed his parents and opened fire in his high school cafeteria, killing two and injuring 22 others. He had a history of animal abuse and torture, having boasted about blowing up a cow and killing cats, chipmunks, and squirrels by putting lit firecrackers in their mouths.

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- March 1998/Jonesboro, Ark. Mitchell Johnson, 13, and Andrew Golden, 11, pulled their school's fire alarm and then shot and killed four classmates and a teacher. Golden reportedly used to shoot dogs "all the time with a .22."
- December 1997/West Paducah, Ky. Michael Carneal, 14, shot and killed three students during a school prayer meeting. Carneal had been heard talking about throwing a cat into a bonfire.

Prosecution of Animal Cruelty Serial Killers and Abuse of Animals

- October 1997/Pearl, Miss. Luke Woodham, 16, shot and killed two of his classmates and injured seven others after stabbing his mother to death. **Woodham's journal revealed that, in a moment of "true beauty," he and a friend had beaten, burned, and tortured his own dog, Sparkle, to death.**

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"All this did is spawn in me the urge to kill again. I began to think of what it would be like to kill a human being. The thought stayed with me for years, until one night it happened. I killed a woman by beating her almost to death and finished her off by strangulation. No longer did I search for animals to mistreat. I now looked for people to kill. And I did. I killed over and over until I was caught. Now I'm paying for it with the rest of my life behind bars. We should stop the cruelty to anything before it develops into a bigger problem, like me."

serial killer Keith Jespersion

Prosecution of Animal Cruelty Serial Killers and Abuse of Animals

- Erick Smith, convicted of murder at age 13 in the 1993 killing of a four-year-old neighbor. The victim had been choked, struck repeatedly on the head and sodomized with a stick.
- Smith reportedly wet his bed until age 11, choked a neighbor's cat to death at 8, started a kitchen fire in the middle of the night and burned the nose of a friend while he slept.



Prosecution of Animal Cruelty Cases

- Important in and of themselves
- However, also important because of the link
- Also due to recanting of DV victims
- Can prevent crimes against humans or lead to discovery of crimes against humans

Challenges . . .

- Successful prosecution often requires specialized knowledge:
 - Relevant laws (state and local and federal)
 - Veterinary medicine
 - Veterinary forensics
 - Animal care
 - Practices used in crimes against animals such as dog fighting and cockfighting

. . . and More Challenges

- Judges
- Officers
- Other prosecutors
- Defense attorneys
- The law itself: animal = toaster
- . . . yet public outcry
- Community standards for what is reasonable care changing yet...

WHAT WE SEE



Examples of "The LINK"

• Jeb R. G.

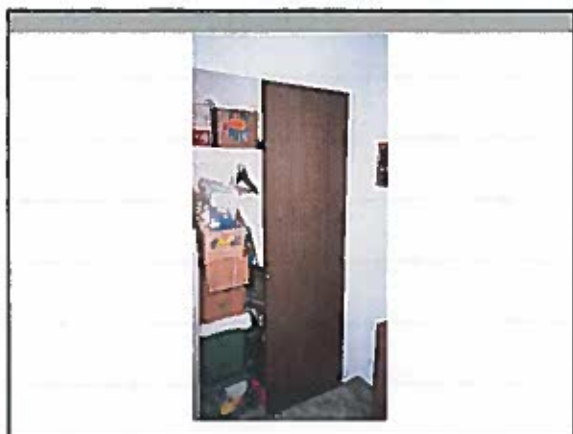


- 911 call (PLAY)
- [\R15000004560 911 232240 \(Redacted\).wav](#)
- [\R15000004560 911 232902 \(Redacted\).wav](#)
- Almost killed dog
- Choked to point of defecation
- Black eyes, bruises and lacerations to victim

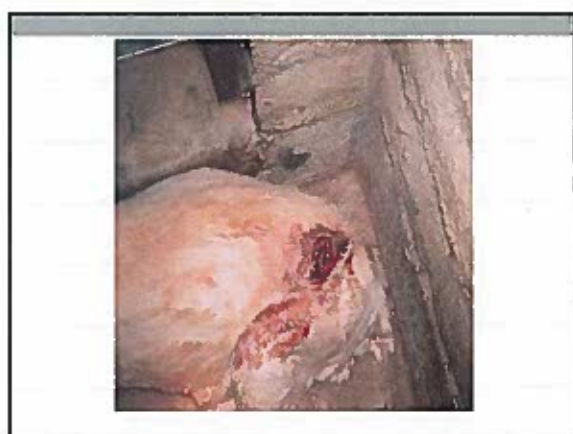
- DOV 3/18/2015
- 3/21/15: no longer wishes to prosecute
- VIS
- Lethality assessment







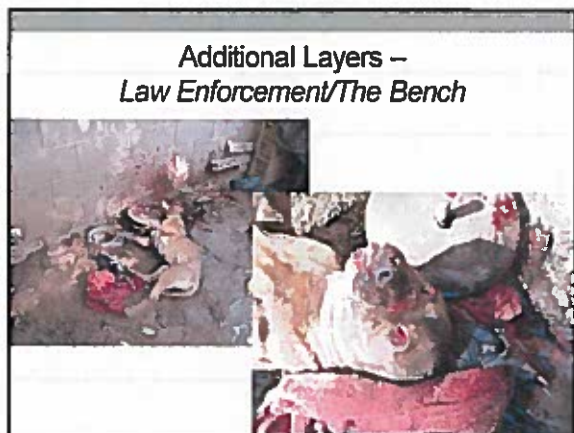


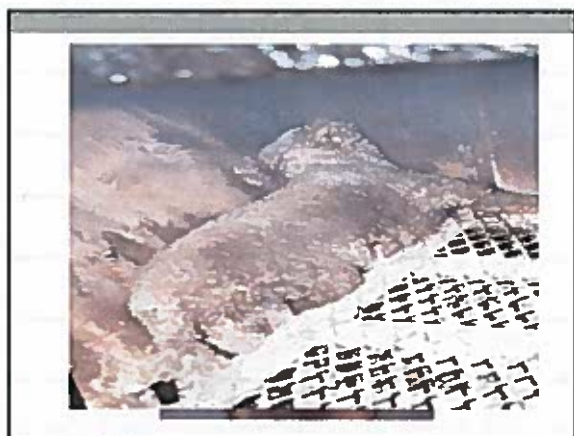






Additional Layers -
How Misdemeanor Can Become A Felony
• James Holmes
• Psychiatrist







Other issues – Child Neglect

- Melissa Chamblee
- Animal and child neglect





• A year prior ...





SOLUTIONS

What is being done to address "The LINK?"

- Creative Charging
- Education/Prevention
- Legislation/Enforcement
- Advocacy
- Treatment





Creative Charging

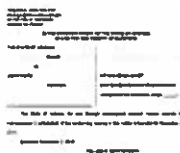
- Case Examples
 - Fraud Schemes
 - Dairy Farm case, adding in human victims
 - Dangerous charging
 - Theft
 - Unlawful discharge of a firearm
 - Disorderly Conduct
 - Gang Allegation

Creative Charging

- A.R.S. § 13-3601: "Domestic violence" means any act that is a dangerous crime against children as defined in section 13-705 or an offense prescribed in section 13-1102, 13-1103, 13-1104, 13-1105, 13-1201, 13-1202, 13-1203, 13-1204, 13-1302, 13-1303, 13-1304, 13-1406, 13-1425, 13-1502, 13-1503, 13-1504, 13-1602 or 13-2810, section 13-2904, subsection A, paragraph 1, 2, 3 or 6, **section 13-2910, subsection A, paragraph 8 or 9**, section 13-2915, subsection A, paragraph 3 or section 13-2916, 13-2921, 13-2921.01, 13-2923, 13-3019, 13-3601.02 or 13-3623, if any of the following applies:

Sentencing Memorandums - Educate

- Important opportunity to impact the case judge and the rest of the bench
- File as early as possible
- Examples provided in your materials – disclaimer



Tools – Order of Protection

- A.R.S. § 13-3602 (G)(7): Grant the petitioner the exclusive care, custody or control of any animal that is owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by the petitioner, the respondent or a minor child residing in the residence or household of the petitioner or the respondent, and order the respondent to stay away from the animal and forbid the respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, committing an act of cruelty or neglect in violation of section 13-2910 or otherwise disposing of the animal.

Team Approach

- Standardization of Investigator/Prosecutor "Team"...
- Interagency Protocol, with clearly defined roles and responsibilities
- Task forces: ACT and APACT

- This SOP can then be used to train LEOs Managers and Commanders, and most importantly ... "Rank and File"
- Animal Cruelty crimes MUST be taken seriously
- Animal Crimes May be "Precursor Crimes"
- Not all animal abusers become mass murderers but some do!

Tools - Lethality Assessment

1. Has your partner ever threatened used a weapon against you? YLS
He told her he was going to use a gun and shoot her
2. Has your partner ever threatened to kill you, your children or pets? YLS
I = kill her and her 4 kids. She has no children
3. Has your partner ever tried to choke you? YLS
No she has tried but he left no marks
4. Does your partner have a gun or can they get one? No
but he could get one
5. Is your partner jealous or do they try to control you? YLS
When they were together he did to this
6. Has your partner ever tried to commit suicide? N/A
7. Has your partner ever forced you to have sex when you didn't want to? N/A
8. Do you feel like the violence against you is escalating in severity? YLS
Started with grabbing but came and eventually he started saying he was going to kill her
9. Do you think your partner may try to kill you? YLS
Because of his threats to do so
10. Is your partner drunk, high or drugged on a frequent basis? YLS
He smoked marijuana and gets drunk a lot

At the time of this interview, the body worn camera was activated and no contact while on scene was both audio and video recorded. A copy of the recording was later uploaded as evidence.

1. Has your partner ever threatened used a weapon against you? N/A
2. Has your partner ever threatened to kill you, your children or pets? YLS
He did, he even he is in a room and I am always putting the dog first. I'm gonna try that dog into the parking
3. Has your partner ever tried to choke you? N/A
4. Does your partner have a gun or can they get one? N/A
5. Is your partner jealous or do they try to control you? YLS
6. Has your partner ever tried to commit suicide? No
7. Has your partner ever forced you to have sex when you didn't want to? No
8. Do you feel like the violence against you is escalating in severity? Yes
Goes from verbal to physical, very hostile and having my dog
9. Do you think your partner may try to kill you? Yes
10. Is your partner drunk, high or drugged on a frequent basis? No

Date of Interview: 11/7/2016
Time interview conducted: 10:47
Name of person being interviewed: [REDACTED]

1. Has your partner ever threatened used a weapon against you? YLS
HE BRANDED ME, HE PUT A KNUCKLE AFTER DRINKING HE CAME HOME AND I GAVE HIM A KNUCKLE. HE SAID HE IS COMING TO KILL FOR A BIT. HE SAID HE WAS COMING TO MURDER ME WHILE HE HAD A KNIFE IN HIS HAND. ASKED ME IF I WAS ACQUAINTED AND THEN HE WENT TO MY ROOM WHERE I AM IN A BAPT. CHURCH AND HE PUT IT AT MY FACE. I WAS ABLE TO GET IT IN MY CAR AND TRAVE TO THE WORK. PURCH. WHERE I CALLED A BROTHER LATER
2. Has your partner ever threatened to kill you, your children or pets? YLS
THANKS INCIDENT HE THREATENED TO KILL MY PETS. SEE VIDEO FOR EVIDENCE
3. Has your partner ever tried to choke you? YLS
BLACK IN MAY HE HAD ME IN A CHOKER HOLD AGAINST A WALL
4. Does your partner have a gun or can they get one? YLS
5. Is your partner jealous or do they try to control you? YLS
STARTED A BROTHER THAT TAKES TIME. HE IS JEALOUS OF MY TIME. WANTS ALL MY TIME. GOING THROUGH MY PHONE. ACCUSING HE DID MY PHONE OFF WHEN I TRIED TO CALL THE POLICE.
6. Has your partner ever tried to commit suicide? N/A
7. Has your partner ever forced you to have sex when you didn't want to? YLS
WHEN HE PUT A KNUCKLE I WANT TO HAVE A KNUCKLE THE PARTNER. BUT I TO A MEDICAL CONDITION IT WAS INTERESTING. I UNCOMFORTABLE AND HE WITH EVIDENCE ON HANDING
8. Do you feel like the violence against you is escalating in severity? YLS

Date of Interview: 01-05-2014
Time Interview conducted: 1734
Name of person being interviewed: Jovelle

1. Has your partner ever threatened/used a weapon against you? YES
Has happened over fifty (50) times, the most recent was with a cell phone. He hit me across the back with the phone using it as his fist. He also used knives before. He cut me on the left leg
2. Has your partner ever threatened to kill you, your children or pets? YES
He has threatened to take the children out of the equation. One time when I left he called and told the cars would be gone if you don't come home. He threatened me all the time. He says I'm going to kill you if you leave. I'm going to kill you if you leave me.
3. Has your partner ever tried to choke you? YES
Last night (3-4-14) he tried to choke me from behind with his hands. He told me last night that his hands don't hurt, so next time he would try with a single rope.
4. Does your partner have a gun or can they get one? YES
5. Is your partner jealous or do they try to control you? NO
He looks me into bedrooms and closets. He controls my job, the money, lessons, and anything he can
6. Has your partner ever tried to commit suicide? YES
He said he wanted all of this to be me. Has not and how he would do it. I don't take it as seriously. Has not said how
7. Has your partner ever forced you to have sex when you didn't want to? YES
He held me down while my face down while he is behind me and raped me from behind
8. Do you feel like the violence against you is escalating in severity? YES
It used to be certain things that would set him off and now it seems like everything is OK and then he just lets it out
9. Do you think your partner may try to kill you? YES
No answer chosen

INTERVIEW TO DRUGS
LITUALITY ASSESSMENT

Date of Interview: 5-15-2015
Time Interview conducted: 8:09
Name of person being interviewed: REBECCA

1. Has your partner ever threatened/used a weapon against you? YES
REBECCA STATED IF I EVER LEFT ANTHONY HE WOULD KILL ME AND HIMSELF
2. Has your partner ever threatened to kill you, your children or pets? YES
FROM THE CHILDREN, REBECCA ADVISED ANTHONY KILLED THE FAMILY CAT OVER THE STAIR CASE THREATENING TO DROP THE CAT.
3. Has your partner ever tried to choke you? YES
THREE IN TOTAL. 1) APPROACHED REBECCA FROM BEHIND AND PLACED HER IN A "WRECKLOCK". 2) IN LINE ON A FAMILY TRIP REBECCA WAS LYING ON HER BACK ON THE BED WHILE ANTHONY WAS KNEELING ON TOP OF HER CHOKING HER WITH BOTH OF HIS HANDS. 3) 10 YEARS AGO ANTHONY CHOKED REBECCA USING HIS HANDS WHILE SHE WAS PRESSED UP AGAINST THE WALL.
4. Does your partner have a gun or can they get one? YES
5. Is your partner jealous or do they try to control you? YES
ANTHONY CONTROL REBECCA'S MONEY. ANTHONY CHECKS REBECCA'S CELL PHONE (TEXT, LAP TOP (MAILS) AND PLUG FOR RECEIPTS.
6. Has your partner ever tried to commit suicide? NO
REBECCA ADVISED DURING THIS INCIDENT ANTHONY STATED HE WAS GOING TO PUT A BULLET POINT BEHIND HIS GUN AND GIVE REBECCA THE GUN TO PULL THE TRIGGER. ANTHONY MADE STATEMENTS BUT NEVER ATTEMPTED.
7. Has your partner ever forced you to have sex when you didn't want to? YES
ANTHONY "WOULD BASICALLY HOLD ME DOWN, MOSTLY FROM BEHIND"

Date of Interview: 5-28-2016
Time Interview conducted: 2120
Name of person being interviewed: Brittany

1. Has your partner ever threatened/used a weapon against you? NO
NA
2. Has your partner ever threatened to kill you, your children or pets? YES
Pets only. Killed dog very hard while required surgery 7 years ago
3. Has your partner ever tried to choke you? YES
Primary was on Facebook, and Matthew became jealous and pushed her against wall with his hand around her neck. Brittany could breathe with ease. Approx. 7 years ago
4. Does your partner have a gun or can they get one? NO
5. Is your partner jealous or do they try to control you? NO
Yes however she doesn't remember the details
6. Has your partner ever tried to commit suicide? YES
Attempted suicide in the past using their drugs
Heroin/ Opiates
7. Has your partner ever forced you to have sex when you didn't want to? NO
No answer chosen
8. Do you feel like the violence against you is escalating in severity? YES
Brittany stated Matthew has never thrown a punch at the house before.
9. Do you think your partner may try to kill you? NO
No answer chosen
10. Is your partner drunk, high on drugs on a frequent basis? YES
Ym and Matthew has a history of Opiate use and heroin addiction

Arizona Legislation

National Solutions

Policy changes in law and practice: (Aaccone, Shapiro 2008)

- Humane education
 - primary schools
 - secondary schools
- Advanced degrees at undergraduate/graduate levels, i.e. human-animal studies, animal law.
- Increased research: assessing and prevention.
- Anti-animal abuse laws: 47 states have felony laws.
- Secondary prevention programs for identified at-risk youth: Gabriel's Angels, Forget Me Not Farms, People & Animals Learning, Project Second Chance, Strategic Human Intervention Program, Green Chimney Children's Residential Treatment Program.
- Tertiary prevention programs for identified at-risk youth.

(Continued)

National Solutions

Policy changes (continued)


- Networking of community stakeholders (Link groups)
 - Creating "safe havens" for domestic violence victims' animals.
- Collaborate to protect victims, AZ law update.
- Cross-reporting and cross-training.
- Sojourner and Lost Our Home



National Solutions

Policy changes *(continued)*

- Mandated counseling for animal abusers - 27 states
(Racione, 2009)
- Treatment models for perpetrators:
 - Ani-Care Model of Treatment for Animal Abusers
(Jory & Randour, 1999)
 - Children & Animals Together Assessment & Diversion Program
(White, 2010)



Animal Abuse Registry

NEW YORK

Suffolk County, NY Creating Nation's First Public Database Tracking Animal Cruelty Offenders. By FRANK ELTMAN, Posted: 10/14/2010, Huffington Post

FARMINGVILLE, N.Y. — You've heard of Megan's Laws, designed to keep sex offenders from striking again. Now there's a law created in the hope of preventing animal abusers from inflicting more cruelty — or moving on to human victims. Suffolk County, on the eastern half of Long Island, moved to create the nation's first animal abuse registry this week, requiring people convicted of cruelty to animals to register or face jail time and fines. "We know there is a very strong correlation between animal abuse and domestic violence," said Suffolk County legislator Jon Cooper, the bill's sponsor. "Almost every serial killer starts out by torturing animals, so in a strange sense we could end up protecting the lives of people."

The online list will be open to the public, so that pet owners or the merely curious can find out whether someone living near them is on it. Some animal abusers have been known to steal their neighbors' pets.

Cooper is also pushing legislation that would bar anyone on the registry from buying or adopting a pet from a shelter, pet shop or breeder.

The law was prompted by a number of animal abuse cases in recent months, including that of a Selden woman accused of forcing her children to watch her torture and kill kittens and dozens of dogs, then burying the pets in her backyard ...

Animal Abuse Registry

- Tennessee
- Cook County

Point of View

- Education, enforcement, awareness
- First victim of domestic violence may be the animals in the household
- Victimization prevention may begin with competent animal cruelty investigation

Resources

- Join the National Link Coalition and sign up for their free newsletter www.nationallinkcoalition.org
- Juvenile & Family Justice, TODAY, A Publication of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Spring 2010
<https://awionline.org/sites/default/files/uploads/legacy-uploads/documents/DV-NCJFCJArticleSpring2010-040611-1302122112-document-38932.pdf>
- Understanding The Link between Violence to Animals and People; A Guidebook for Criminal Justice Professionals, Allie Phillips, J.D.
<http://ndaa.org/pdf/The%20Link%20Monograph-2014.pdf>

Our Role

- Take charge!!!
- Take it seriously and take on the role!!!!
- Review relevant animal cruelty and agricultural laws and definitions in your jurisdiction
- Identify resources on this connection in your community (humane agents, animal control officers, veterinary professionals, social service agencies)
- Require therapeutic evaluations and interventions
- Be receptive to outreach from animal protection professionals/Prevention Program
- Create or support cruelty taskforce

The Best Resources

- Casey Mundell, mundell@mcao.maricopa.gov
- Samantha Caplinger, caplings@mcao.maricopa.gov
- Alison Ferrante, alison.ferrante@mesaaz.gov
